

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: FLUID PRODUCT DISPENSING ASSEMBLY

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 24, 2010. Even though the application includes 2 independent formulations of the invention, the Reasons for Allowance quote only claim 1. Accordingly, while the Statement appears to be an accurate statement of reasons for allowing claim 1, the statement is deficient by failing to acknowledge that claims 16-21 were allowed for independent reasons.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a

response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated March 24, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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